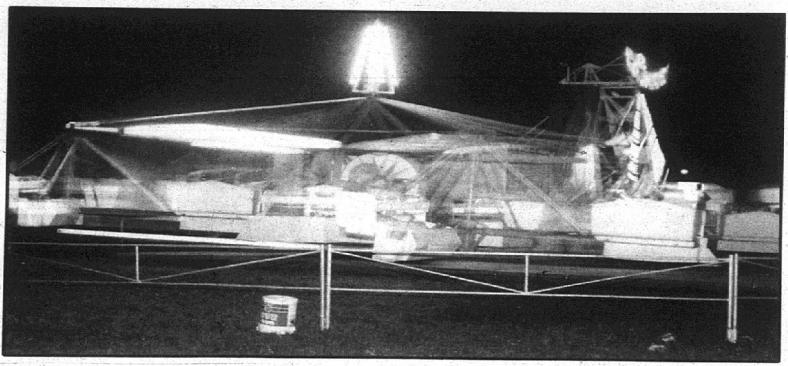


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Spinnin' — Riders take a spin on the Merry Mixer carnival ride at the Holy Family Catholic Church Family Fest last weekend.

ConAgra chooses Indiana

Local port district apparently was 2nd in competition

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

The Tri-City Regional Port has apparently finished second in competition to attract a \$100 million soybean processing plant. (ConAgra is) choosing another site we are assuming is the Indiana Port site at Mt. Vernon," Dr. Charles King Jr., chairman of the Tri-City Regional Port Authority, said Tuesday morning.

State and local officials had been on planes and in cities for weeks while waiting for the decision. Hundreds of good-paying jobs and a multi-million dollar boost to the local economy were at stake.

What the port district is expected

from agricultural products manufacturing giant ConAgra next week, King said consultants have indicated the local port will not be selected.

The company had narrowed its

field to two prospective sites — the local port and an Indiana port — for soybean processing facility that will create hundreds of new, good-paying jobs.

"What this means is we were the second most cost-effective site," King said. "We get the feeling the door is being left open for future projects."

State, county and local officials

had put together a multi-million (See PLANT, Page 9A)

Sex offender lists released

Chiefs doubt completeness

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

The names and addresses of registered child sex offenders are now available from local police departments.

Under a state law that went into effect last Saturday, the name, age and address of registered child sex offenders will now be made public June 1.

The lists, available from local police departments, include only those who have been convicted of a sex crime against a child and those who have registered with police, as required by law.

"Some of these people tend to repeat offenders," Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruehausen said.

The list in Granite City contains 14 names. In Madison, four offenders have registered and four have reported in Ven-

"In a town of this size, I would be skeptical to say that is a complete list of child sex offenders," Ruehausen said.

He said there are probably child sex offenders in the community who have failed to reg-

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Firefighter-paramedics Gene Livingston, left, and Art Asordan evaluate a victim's eye injury during a mock disaster on Tuesday at Coolidge Middle School. See Page 5A for more photos and story.

Top Teen

Amanda Galbreath combines brains with beauty.

The recent GCCHS graduate was a varsity football, soccer and wrestling cheerleader as well as a member of the Homecoming Court.

But Galbreath excelled in the classroom as well. The Illinois State Scholar's honors and Illinois State National Honor Society honors program, high honor roll, Optimist Youth Appreciation award, student council treasurer, Environmental Science and Technology club member, Peppers, ALPHA Peer Leaders, math tutor and Elks teen of the month.

The daughter of Darla Galbreath, she enjoys softball and cheerleading.



Amanda Galbreath

Shimkus offers tax payment plan

A new prescription is on the way to ease the pain for Madison County taxpayers.

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus has set up a program that will enable property tax payments to be automatically withdrawn from checking or savings accounts at financial institutions.

"We all agree that the individual taxpayer is the best steward of their money," Shimkus said. "With that in mind, many people try to time their mailings to hit on or near the due date. There is always some uncertainty in this procedure."

Shimkus said the automatic withdrawal plan will process tax payments on the last day prior to the penalty date.

"Taxpayers will keep their money earning interest until the last possible minute, and the taxing districts get their taxes paid on time," he said.

Shimkus also provide his office with a clearinghouse service everyone benefits from.

"Taxpayers are encouraged to sign up for the program as soon as possible. The first automatic withdrawals will be (See PLAN, Page 9A)

NEWS

More than 2,000 Illinois workers are among those on strike at McDonnell Douglas.

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PEOPLE

Three people have been charged with felonies in connection with an alleged home invasion in Madison.

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Chief defends actions in raid

But family receives apology

By Scott Cousins
and Bob Slatte
Staff writers

Pontoon Beach Police Chief Mike Crouch issued a public apology Wednesday to a family whose apartment was raided by police — apparently by mistake — Monday morning.

But Crouch, who was vacationing out of town when the operation took place, defended the procedures followed by the officers involved in raiding Detective Rick Hays who was in charge of the operation.

"It's unfortunate and we do apologize," he said. "It's something that happened."

Police burst into the apartment at 6 a.m. Monday looking for drugs and a drug dealer, but found neither. Police were armed with guns and a search warrant obtained based on information from two suspects police had arrested Sunday night, Crouch said.

But the information was apparently inaccurate.

"We felt we had good information," Crouch said.

Tarkus Dillard, 23, of the Oakmont Apartments in Pontoon Beach, said police kicked in the front door of the apartment he shared with his girlfriend, Vickie Blakely, and two small children.

Dillard said an officer put a gun in the face of one of the children, cocked it, and screamed at the child to be quiet.

Dillard and Blakely said they and the children were terrified by the police

"When we have policemen acting like the Lone Ranger ... pointing guns at children's heads ... it can have a permanent psychological impact."

— James Gray
NAACP official

actions.

Crouch denied any officer deliberately pointed a weapon at a small child.

He said the person they were looking for had a history of violent crime, and that officers — concerned about their own safety — entered the apartment with weapons drawn and pointed toward the floor.

Because the child was laying down, he said, it may have appeared to the mother that the officer was pointing a gun at a child.

The Rev. James Gray and the Rev. John Henry Williams of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons, on behalf of the family, filed a complaint with the Madison County State's Attorney's office, the Illinois Attorney General and the U.S. Justice Department into the incident.

"When we have policemen acting like the Lone Ranger ... pointing guns like the children were terrified by the police (See RAID, Page 9A)



Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS

A firefighter watches from the top of a pumper while water is poured on a burning building during a fire at Granite City Steel.

Cause of explosion at plant unclear

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The cause of an explosion and fire at the Granite City Division of National Steel Corp. Tuesday is still under investigation, according to a company official.

The explosion and fire damaged a building at the plant entrance on Edwardsville Road.

No injuries were reported, company spokesman Bob Maxwell said.

Several pipefitters were working in the building when a containing pump and pipeline used to move coke oven gas throughout the complex, when they noticed a gas leak and evacuated the area. It has not been determined what caused the explosion and the resulting by-product from the burning of coke.

"We're just extremely fortunate that no one was hurt," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said most of the damage was to the building's roof, and it was

being repaired.

He also said one of the pumps in the building may be put back on line by the weekend.

He said the building — made of brick — was one of the plant's original structures and has always been used for full-scale investigations by the

Madison County State's Attorney's office, the Illinois Attorney General and the U.S. Justice Department into the incident.

"When we have policemen acting like the Lone Ranger ... pointing guns like the children were terrified by the police (See EXPLOSION, Page 2A)

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He said the building — made of brick — was one of the plant's original structures and has always been used for the booster pumps.

He said the solid construction of the building helped contain the damage.

"They built them good," he said.

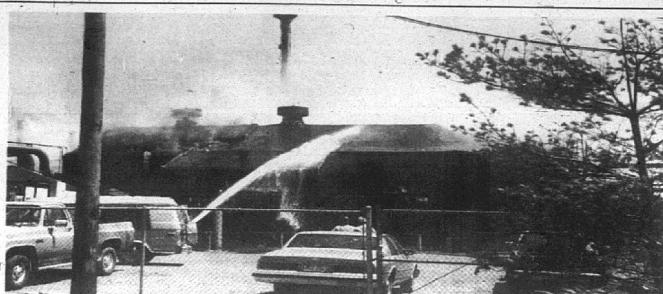
The explosion occurred at about 1:30 p.m., and was brought under control in about 15 to 20 minutes, Maxwell said.

He said firefighters shut off the flow of gas to the building, then flooded the pipe with nitrogen — an inert gas — to put out the fire.

"They said the incident will have little impact on the plant," he said.

"None as far as production is concerned," he said. "But we'll have to use natural gas rather than coke

(See EXPLOSION, Page 2A)



Firefighters spray water on the gas-booster building at Granite City Steel to control the fire.

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

•Explosion

(Continued from Page 1A)

gas (which is less expensive)..

While firefighters were dealing with the burning building, a car hit with a minor collision in front of the plant.

Jill M. Kynion of Marine was ticketed after she rear-ended a pickup truck driven by Paul Cuppett of Granite City.

Kynion told police she was westbound on Edwardsville Road when she noticed a car behind her was tailgating. She attempted to reduce speed slowly and failed to stop in time to avoid striking the truck.

The truck's two occupants received minor injuries.



Firefighters from both Granite City Steel and the Granite City Fire Department work to bring the fire under control.

Edgar makes stop at Scott to announce grant money

By Deb Cooper
Staff writer

Gov. Jim Edgar stopped briefly at Scott Air Force Base Tuesday to announce the final \$2.5 million in funding from the state for construction projects at the Mid America Airport.

The airport will provide the capacity for future growth in southwestern Illinois and eastern Missouri to preserve the area as a major air transportation center," he said.

Edgar also stressed the importance of airports in Illinois as "an important element in our overall transportation system. That

network is a key factor in presenting business and tourism jobs, as well as attracting new businesses."

Edgar said he expects the airport to employ about 600 people during its first year of operation and provide additional economic stimulus for the region.

Projects earmarked for state funds include construction of new runways and parking lots, final landscaping and pavement markings.

Scheduled to open in October 1997, the Mid America Airport will have 10,000 feet of runway and will support both cargo and passenger aircraft.

Total cost for the airport, including construction of a

connecting taxiway to Scott AFB, aprons, a terminal and new military housing is \$307.5 million.

The state is contributing \$60 million, while the federal government is funding \$213.9 million; St. Clair County is contributing \$30 million. Additional funding is coming

from the private sector and revenue bond interest.

Edgar said the airport project is a team effort and serves as an example of what can happen when people work together.

"The entire state can command all of those locally who worked on this project for

many, many years," he said. Urging the federal government to maintain

funding, Edgar said airport improvements should be a priority.

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Some striking workers saw problems coming

6,700 McDonnell machinists on strike

About 6,700 McDonnell Douglas machinists — including more than 2,000 from Illinois — went on strike at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday after mediation failed to bridge the gap between company and union.

Negotiators stumbled out of talks with a mediator shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday.

The chief sticking point was outsourcing, in particular the company's growing use of subcontractors, nonunion McDonnell Douglas plans for work once performed by St. Louis machinists.

"Our membership is angry. They're resentful. They're ready to strike this company," union president Jerry Olson said earlier Tuesday. "We can't be back until we get our fair share of the pie."

McDonnell Douglas spokesman Tom Williams said the company is prepared to negotiate as long as it takes.

Strike production will continue during the strike, he said.

The machinists make up the bulk of production workers at McDonnell Douglas.

Leaders of two other unions with workers at the company, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Teamsters, urged their members not to cross picket lines.

The company hasn't said whether it will hire strike breakers, but Williams implied the existing work force could take up the slack.

McDonnell Douglas has 28,000 people in St. Louis, but many are not production workers. The company's contract offer included small raises for the machinists, who earn about \$800 per week, and some other gains. It also guaranteed 1,000 machinist jobs, but left about one-third of that group vulnerable to layoffs. Many Metro East residents are among those going on strike.

"I can hold out as long as they want," said William Moore of Edwardsville, a machinist who has been on strike since May 22.

Other employees said they weren't anxious for a strike, but were ready to walk if necessary. All the workers who spoke to a reporter agreed they don't like the idea of a strike.

"It sucks. Nobody really wants a strike," said Rick Schooley of Granite City, who added that strike benefits amount to only about \$130 a week.

Just one Metro East resident said he saw the strike chance coming and set aside some money.

"I've been saving up for it. I'm ready for a nice, long vacation if they want it that way."

'I've been saving up for it. I'm ready for a nice, long vacation if they want it that way.'

— Victor Sever
McDonnell worker

said Victor Sever of Wood River.

About 35 percent of the roughly 6,700 machinists union members at McDonnell Douglas are from Illinois.

The vote Sunday, 4,374 to reject and 689 to accept — stunned company officials, who thought they had addressed all of the union's demands in the offer.

Management said it did not understand the vote. If there is a strike, he said, "the first thing that will happen is that these people will lose their wages and benefits. The second thing that will happen is that McDonnell Douglas continues its business."

Workers interviewed in the company parking lot off Banshee Road said they are tired of seeing the company chop employees by sending work to nonunion sources and combining job classifications.

Like many other companies, McDonnell Douglas in recent years has turned to subcontractors for some production work. The company says outsourcing saves millions of dollars in labor, a savings it calls essential if it is to compete for military and commercial contracts.

The machinists see outsourcing as a threat to their jobs. Union officials say 1,500 St. Louis machinists have lost their jobs in recent years because of outsourcing, even though McDonnell Douglas Corp. earned \$707 million in profit in 1995.

Union members said they see a company guarantee of 5,000 union jobs at the St. Louis facility as a guarantee that 1,700 people with lose their jobs.

"We're making good money, but that's beside the point," said Tom McElroy of Collinsville. "It's not fair that average hourly worker makes between \$18 and \$20 an hour."

"The number one issue is job security," said Schooley.

— From The Telegraph



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

A portion of the newly named Veterans Parkway in Granite City.

Street name honors veterans

By Bob Slatke
Staff writer

"What's in a name?"

William Shakespeare implied that a name is meaningless; that what we call a rose — if we renamed it a mattress — would still have thorns.

But sometimes a name means a lot.

Last week, the Granite City Council approved an ordinance renaming 24th Street.

The new name, "Veterans Parkway,"

honors, acknowledges and commemorates the military service of many city residents,

according to the ordinance.

Mayor Ron Selpf said the sentiment was

especially appropriate during the week of

Memorial Day in the city's centennial year, but was probably long overdue.

The change affects 24th Street from East

24th Street to Adams Street. West of Adams,

the road will continue to be known as 24th Street.

The street formerly known as 24th Street consists of two one-way traffic lanes separated by a 20-acre parkway containing plantings and a gazebo.

Most of the homes along the parkway face one of the cross streets: Grand, Edison, or Delmar avenues; State or Benton streets; or Cleveland Boulevard. Thus, most residents will not have to change their mailing addresses.

Papa says he has the votes to become board chairman

Madison County Board member Rudy Papa of Bethalto said he will be the next board chairman if members committed to him following a special board meeting June 12.

"I've talked to all but one of the board members and, if the members I've talked to stay firm, I'll be the new chairman," Papa said Monday.

But another contender for

the position, Alan Dunstan of Troy, said he is counting votes differently.

"I don't see Rudy having enough votes yet," Dunstan said.

Papa said he has

commitments from 15 members, just enough to win over ground rules for the election of a new chairman.

State's Attorney William Haine and his wife, Debbie Seltich will attend.

Dunstan said he wants to eliminate as much confusion as possible before the board meeting.

"We want to go over the procedures so all the board members will know what will happen when we elect a chairman," he said.

Dunstan said a voice vote apparently is required by the state's Open Meetings Act.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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Recently a woman who had been involved in an automobile accident came to my office for advice. She indicated that a car coming from the opposite direction had crossed the centerline and forced her to swerve to avoid an accident. She swerved her vehicle to avoid an accident, she struck a parked car on the side of the highway. Both drivers sustained injuries.

At the accident scene, she indicated to an independent witness that the other driver had crossed the median and on her side of the road. She had been partially at fault in that she was driving at an excessive rate of speed. Neither the other driver nor the police officer had an accident report prepared. The woman declined medical attention at the accident scene, and in fact, waited several months before she contacted a doctor regarding her neck and back injuries.

The woman in this case made three crucial mistakes. First, a person involved in an automobile accident should never make statements regarding possible liability or the accident scene. Furthermore, an injured party should never

give a recorded statement to an insurance company without an attorney present. Illinois is a comparative negligence state, and a person's award of damages will be reduced based on the percentage of fault attributed to him. Furthermore, people often make statements at the scene of the accident which they later regret, are confused, excited and thinking clearly. It is best to say nothing in these situations.

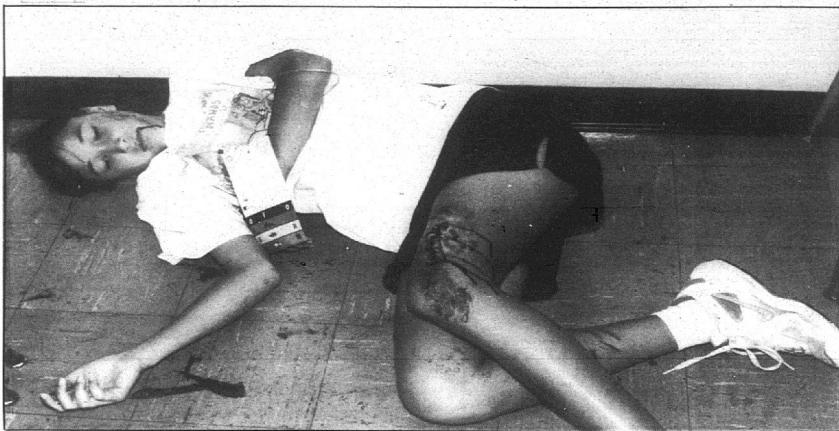
The second mistake was in her failure to have a police report made. Without a police report, it is difficult to determine exactly what happened. Often a policeman can diagram and document how the accident occurred based on the location of the vehicles, even though he did not witness the accident. A policeman can also issue tickets at the scene of the accident.

Finally, the woman in our example should have had medical treatment. She was hurt badly in the accident, but she always felt she was too busy to see a doctor. It is difficult to comprehend that there is no legitimate injury here when she was lax about seeing a physician.

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People



A victim awaits treatment for a deep leg cut.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE) These girls were hit by flying glass caused by the explosion.

Students, teachers 'die' in disaster drill

Terrorists strike school

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Three terrorists ignited a bomb inside Coolidge Middle School Tuesday.

The explosion killed several students and teachers and injured dozens more.

Police killed two of the terrorists in a shoot-out in front of the school. The third suspect was captured by a police K-9 officer and was held for questioning.

It was only a drill, but it seemed real enough, in fact, that several passers-by called the *Press-Record* office and asked what had happened. Still others slowed down to look or stopped to watch the mock disaster.

The drill was conducted by Ed Schultz, the city's coordinator of emergency services. Agencies

participating, in addition to the Granite City police and fire and ambulance departments, were the Granite City Steel, Long Lake and Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center fire departments; Lifeforce ambulance service; Norfolk and Southern railroad police; the Salvation Army Disaster Response Unit and St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Fire Chief Keith Talley said the mock disaster is good training for emergency personnel.

"It lets me know our shortcomings and lets me know what to do," Talley said. "And it lets us know how we interact with other agencies."

"It helps us prepare, hopefully, for an event that will never happen," Mayor Ron Landman said.

One of the primary responsibilities of participants was evaluating injuries and organize victim

treatment and transportation.

"I hope we can always find these things out in exercises and not in real situations," Talley said.

He said he had been concerned about radio equipment and the city's communications capabilities. But, he said, communication was not a problem during the drill.

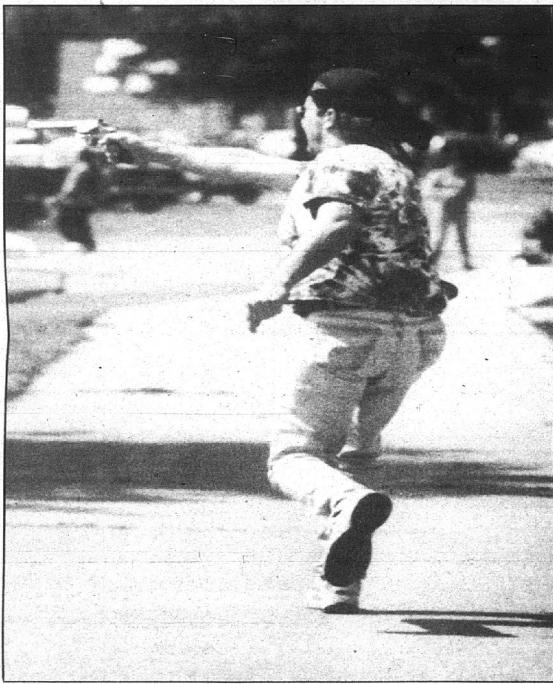
One problem encountered by both police and firefighters was dealing with the terrorists. Talley said he was shot in the head — twice — as the terrorists fled the school building. The first bullet bounced off my head and the second one was a direct hit and blew my brains right out my ears," he said.

The terrorist who survived insisted that he shot police Lt. Ron Landman dead as he fled the building.

Landman, who helped capture the terrorist after being shot, insisted he was just grazed by the bullet.



Long Lake volunteer firefighters work on the wounded.



A terrorist tries to shoot his way through a crowd outside school.



Nip Hagnauer, left, and Gene Livingston tend to a victim. Lt. Ron Landman, left, and officer Phil Popmarkoff capture a terrorist with the help of "Bak" and Sgt. Curt Walkenbach.



A victim is loaded into an ambulance.



News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Police raid fails

Police raided the wrong apartment Monday morning in Pontoon Beach, apparently based on information obtained from a suspect they arrested Sunday.

Tarkus Dillard, 23, of the Oakmont Apartments in Pontoon Beach, said police kicked in the front door of the apartment he shared with his girlfriend, Vickie Blakely, and two small children ages 2 and 3 years, at about 6 a.m. Monday and held the family at gunpoint.

Unfortunately — for police as well as for Dillard, Blakely and the children — the man police were searching for was not present.

At one point, Dillard said, an officer put a gun in the face of one of the children, cocked it, and screamed at the child to be still.

Dillard and Blakely, who said they were terrified by the police actions, are contemplating a lawsuit against the village and its police department.

Tires slashed, CD player stolen

Venice police are seeking information about a rash of automobile-related incidents over the weekend.

On Sunday morning, police reported, a window was broken out of a car parked in the Lee Wright Homes area. A compact disc player valued at \$240 and a \$60 shirt were reported stolen.

In other incidents tires were slashed or punctured on five vehicles Friday, and another incident was reported Saturday, Police Chief James E. Newsome said.

"I think it's juveniles doing it," he said, adding that juvenile curfews will be enforced in the city.

Hate crime ruling upsets Haine

Acts of hatred are viewed as despicable in the eyes of Madison County's top legal authorities.

But some area officials say recent court rulings on hate crime discriminate against white people, while other officials say the hate crime law is unfair to everyone.

The Fifth District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon issued a ruling in February backing a decision by a Madison County juvenile court which dismissed hate crime charges against two white juveniles from Granite City.

Prosecutors in March 1995 charged the boys, ages 12 and 14, with hate crime after they allegedly passed around photographs of mutilated black people at a Granite City school. A principal intercepted the photographs while they were being spread through a crowd that included black students.

The white principal was listed as the victim of the crime since he was forced to view the photos.

The higher court, in its written opinion, stated that the principal could not be the victim of hate crime aimed at black students.

"We have a hate crime law, and it should apply to everyone," said Madison County State's Attorney William Haine. "I don't think it's good public policy to favor one group over the other. It creates a class of favored victims and I do not believe that is what it was intended to do."

Haine said he intends to ask the Illinois Supreme Court to overturn the appellate decision.

Two injured in stabbing

Two people suffered minor stab wounds during a home invasion in Madison Sunday evening.

Police said the injuries apparently stemmed from an alteration more than a month ago.

According to police, at approximately 10 p.m., six people went to an apartment above Carl's Korner Bar, 1242 Iowa St. One of those people kicked the door to the apartment in and started yelling at the occupant.

There was a struggle and the apartment's occupant used a knife to defend himself, injuring two of the attackers, who went to the hospital.

Man charged in car-jacking

A 25-year-old Granite City man was charged with car-jacking and brutally raping a 32-year-old Granite City woman. Daniel Scott Pagan, of the 2100 block of Edison Avenue, was charged last week with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and one count of vehicular invasion.

Pagan — who was sentenced in April to two years of probation for a burglary conviction — is being held on \$150,000 bond.

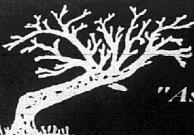
He allegedly hijacked the car of a Granite City woman around midnight May 27, brutally beat her and raped her twice.

Police utilized witness descriptions of the attacker and a convenience store videotape to capture Pagan.

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Humane Society reorganizes

It appears the fur has stopped flying at the Madison County Humane Society, and a new board member says it's time the board realizes its role.

"In order to be a professional board, we need to take a step back and look at the big picture," said Wendy Porter, one of five newly appointed members. "The former board members wanted to protect every animal, and that's the shelter's job. The job of the board is to protect the shelter."

The society, which oversees shelters in Edwardsville and Collingsville, has been awash with controversy recently after two board members resigned and three quit when their terms expires. Accusation of misused funds, poor management, and unnecessary euthanizing of animals surfaced shortly after the resignations.

Porter called the concerns ridiculous, adding that all funds have been spent on animal welfare.

"We have limited resources, limited time, money and space," she said. "No one wants to put animals to sleep, but sometimes it's necessary. As far as the money is concerned, I think those accusations are absurd."

Porter, who has served on the board four years ago, said she has no hesitations about working with other board members, including former president Lyle VanKavage of Collinsville, who was the target of most criticism.

"I know it has been a bit of a controversy," as Porter said. "I think it was more of a dramatization by some of the people who left. We want to put that behind us. I think there were some hurt feelings and sour grapes. It's over now and it's time to move on."

"All we want is to put the controversy behind us and to professionalize the board. There's a great need for this agency and it's time for the community to move on."

The society is governed by an eight-member board, but officials plan to recruit up to seven more members this summer. In addition to Porter, a Collinsville attorney, officials appointed Payton Miller, a algebra teacher at Collinsville High School; T.J. Piquette, an animal control officer in Collinsville; Kathy Chaput, an MCI accountant from Freeburg; and Bobby Cathey, a former society board member.

VanKavage, whose term as board president expired last

month, said she is looking forward to working with the new board.

"I don't think we will always agree with each other, but that's fine," she said. "That's the way a good board operates. I'm looking forward to this board. We have recruited a lot of professionals who have a good sense for business."

Porter said it is critical that the board act as a governing body and constitute policy for the agency's future.

"Years ago it was all hands on deck," she said. "The board had to be involved with the day-to-day operations. That has changed. It's not necessary now. We have shelter directors and volunteers to run the daily operations."

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Obituaries

H. Ballentine

Harold W. Ballentine Sr., 74, of Madison, died at 9:47 a.m. Monday, June 3, 1996, at the Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for two months. He was born Aug. 23, 1921, in Venice.

He was a sign salesman with Ley Sign Co. in Fairmont City for 40 years prior to his retirement in 1988, he was a member of the Veterans Foreign Wars Post.

He was born in Granite City, the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307, in Venice and the Moose Lodge 272.

Mr. Ballentine was a World War II paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Vasili) Ballentine, whom he married Aug. 23, 1941, in St. Charles, Mo.; two sons, Harold William Ballentine Jr. and John James Ballentine, both of Madison; one daughter, Mary Ann Ballentine, of Marion; one brother, Jacob Ballentine of Granite City; three sisters, Dorothy Sherry of Venice, Georgia; Knissa of Bismarck, Mont.; and Pepper Brown of Madison; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John James Ballentine and Mary Vasili Ballentine (Mooney) Ballentine; two brothers, Frederick and John James Ballentine; and one sister, Marie Dunnaway.

Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City. Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association.

Doris Hicks

Doris Jean Hicks, 50, of East St. Louis, died Sunday, June 2, 1996, at the Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Survivors include three sons, Terrance Dooley of East St. Louis, Troy Hicks of Newport News, Va., and Shawna Hicks of Pontoon Beach; three daughters, Pamela Canada of New-

port News and Denice and Renita Hicks, both of East St. Louis; her parents, Albert and Susan Dooley of East St. Louis; two sisters, Louise Johnson of Gretna, La., and Tameka Dooley of East St. Louis; and 16 grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave. in East St. Louis.

Services are at noon Friday at Irvin Chapel, First Baptist Church, 1701 Belmont in East St. Louis, with the Rev. Robbie Owens Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Meier Wilson

Meyer Wilson Jr., 77, of Brooklyn died at 9:01 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 1996, at St. Louis University Medical Center in St. Louis. He was born in Meridian, Miss.

Mr. Wilson was a fireman with GM&O Railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Wilson; one son, Dr. Donald L. Ladd; and two granddaughters.

Services were May 29 at First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. Robert Thompson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

Audrey Strong

Audrey L. (Lacy) Strong, 63 of O'Fallon died at 10:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 1996, in O'Fallon. She was born March 19, 1933, in Hickman County, Ky.

Mrs. Strong was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Roger A. Strong; one daughter, Vivian "Vicki" Pearson of Granite City; two sisters, Mildred O'Toole of Belleville and June Herrington of Cadiz, Ky.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Roger A. Strong, who died in 1961; her parents, Owen and Vivian Strong; Laddie, one brother, Roger Lacy; and one grandchild.

Services are at 2:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Kassly-Perry Ltd., 9900 St. Clair Ave. in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Russell Brewer officiating. Burial

will be in Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association.

Sarah McGee

Sarah Ann (Townzen) McGee, 58, of Pontoon Beach died at 4 p.m. Monday, June 3, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, following a nine-month illness.

Born Feb. 23, 1938, in Dover, Tenn., she had been a resident of the Quad-Cities area for 57 years.

A teller with Central Bank for many years, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, Larry McGee of Granite City; one daughter, Bellinda Pace of Marion; two brothers, Michael Townzen of Marion and David Townzen of Boston; three sisters, Audrey Gann of Pontoon Beach, Lucille Harrison of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ivie and Mattie (Shoddy) Townzen.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

Billy Dillard

Billy J. Dillard, 77, of Granite City, died at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 1996 at Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis, where he had been a patient since January.

Born Jan. 3, 1919 in Springfield, Mo., he was the owner of Domestic Metal and Commercial Sheet Metal. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma (Jordan) Dillard; two daughters, Pamela Parker of Granite City and Pamela Sue Niesperek of Grantsville, Utah; two sons, Billy Michael Dillard of Granite City and James L. Dillard of Springfield; a brother, George Dillard of Springfield, Mo.; 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, the late Paul "Bud" Parker, who died Nov. 7, 1985.

Arrangements were pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, 931-8000.

Offenders

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ister and probably others who have moved into the community and failed to register, as required by law.

Venice Police Chief James Newsome and Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo agreed.

"I suspect some of them have not registered," Newsome said.

Residents wishing to look at the list in Granite City or Venice may do so during regular business hours. The person viewing the list must present identification with a photograph and name tag log.

In Granite City, a copy of the list may be obtained for \$5.

"The reason we require persons looking at or obtaining a list to sign a log is because people do not wish to seek out their own," Ruebhausen said.

"We will check the names of persons viewing the list."

Some of the offenders listed in Granite City were convicted of sexually assaulting or abusing children, while others were convicted of statutory rape, commercial sex, wife beating and more.

Ruebhausen said more than 30 such offenders have registered in Granite City.

Another 165 hourly employees would be required to operate the facility, each starting out at about \$15 per hour.

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Candidates plan debates

Congressional candidates Jay Hoffman and John Shimkus could square off in 19 debates before the fall election. In a series of press conferences last week, state Rep. Hoffman, the Democratic candidate, proposed one debate for each county in the 20th Congressional district. The rest of the trail of famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.

"I think we can learn a lot from the Lincoln-Douglas debates so that the campaign is not filled with 30-second sound bites. With these debates, both sides will prosper," Hoffman told a crowd of about 30 in front of the Madison County Administration Building. Earlier, he had visited Quincy, Springfield and Springfield.

Republican Madison County Treasurer Shimkus said he welcomes the chance to debate Hoffman.

"We're excited to do them. We look forward to debating him. I'm willing to go anywhere, any place any time," Shimkus said. "There is a great difference between the

two candidates. Forums are a good way to show this."

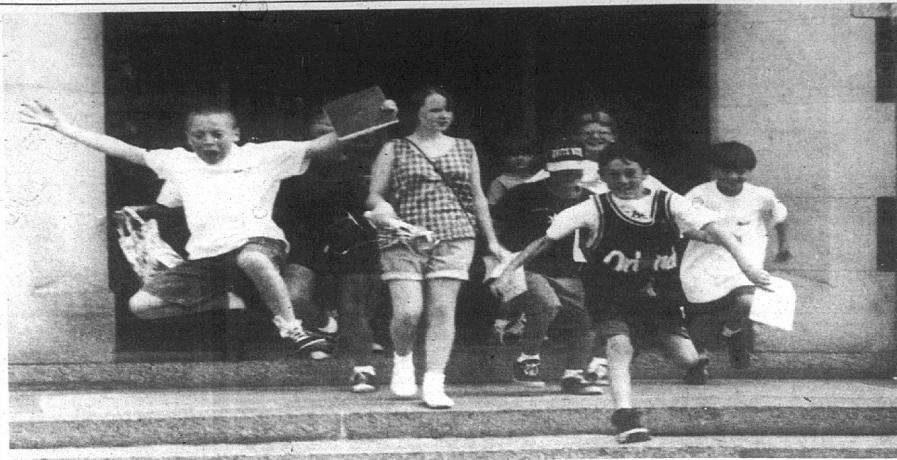
Shimkus said he wants debates to be sponsored by nonpartisan parties. He said they should be held after Labor Day when voters turn their attention to the November election.

Hoffman said the debates would cut down on negativity in the campaign and address issues of concern within each community. They also would illustrate the differences in the candidates' positions on issues like the minimum wage, the federal budget and required 40-hour maternity stays.

Hoffman said he is not sure who hosts the debates but suggested they might be sponsored by local newspapers, chambers of commerce and chambers of the League of Women Voters.

The Collinsville Democrat said in the next three months he plans to begin campaigning throughout the district, in coffee houses, bowling alleys, softball games and county fairs. I will make an attempt to go to every small town and every large town in the district.

— From The Telegraph



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Ah, vacation — Eager to get their summer vacation off to a flying start, Niedringhaus School fifth grader Kenny Townshend, left, and third grader Donny Mills, second from right, vault down

the school's front steps ahead of their schoolmates on Wednesday.

Regional airport authority to be studied

By Deb Cooper
Staff writer

In one or two weeks, a task force may be formed and studying the feasibility of creating a regional airport authority, according to Rep. Ron Stephens.

Late last week, the Illinois Senate passed a resolution for the task force to explore the possibilities of forming a regional airport authority. Such an authority would oversee operations at airports in St. Clair, including the new MidAmerica Airport, Madison and Monroe counties.

Stephens of Troy and Sen. Frank Watson of Greenville sponsored the resolution. "We need a group to study the important issue of regional transportation," said Stephens. "We need to make sure we are planning for the future. It just seems like the right thing to do."

The task force is to report its finding in January 1997. The MidAmerica Airport is set to open in October 1997.

Selected members are expected to be appointed to the task force. Two members will be picked by House Speaker Lee Daniel and two members picked by Senate President James "Pete" Philip.

One member will be selected by Senate Minority Leader Emily Jones and one by House Minority Leader Michael Madison. Gov. Jim Edgar will make the seventh appointment.

St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic wants to know more about the task force. He said he does not know if the task force is a "political grab" or not, said Stephens.

Because Baricevic says he can't get in touch with Stephens, "Our citizens have wanted this airport and risked bond ratings to get it. Eleven years after the process started, Ron Stephens wants a study. I've requested five times for him to talk to me. He won't respond to my calls or my letters. I'd like for him to give me a call."

Flash! Police get cameras to fight violence

Police officers will have more than a badge to flash the next time they respond to a domestic violence call.

A cooperative effort between the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and Polaroid Corp. has placed cameras in the hands of 100 police officers throughout Madison and St. Clair counties.

Polaroid representatives spent Tuesday and Friday training officers on how to use the cameras, which are equipped with sonar, auto-focusing, automatic exposure control, built-in flash and an accessory lens.

The training sessions also gave officers a chance to snap pictures of a mock domestic violence victim.

The cameras, which normally sell for \$300, were sold to the commission for \$60.

Mark Lee, a marketing representative of Polaroid, said the company is focusing on domestic violence in its campaign this year because of an increase in incidents.

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"The figures are up," he said. "This camera will serve as an incentive tool to prosecute the suspects while protecting the victims."

Polaroid Application manager Philip Allen arranged for a group of officers who met Friday at the Madison County Administration Building in Edwardsville to document a domestic violence. Polaroids in addition to using the standard 35mm cameras used to document evidence.

"Case, after case, after case, the 35mm film does not turn out the way you wanted it to," Allen said. "Sometimes there isn't enough film in the camera,

and there are times when the subject doesn't turn up."

"With an instant camera, you know right away that you have the evidence you need."

The cameras, designed specifically for law enforcement, will enable officers to snap close-up shots of a victim's injuries and of the alleged suspect.

During a recent presentation, Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Rob Wilson reviewed the county's policy on domestic violence with officers.

"Domestic violence is a touchy subject," he said. "The statistics indicate it is a huge part of police officers' work. It takes up a lot of time. This

camera is a good tool that can be used to insure successful prosecution."

Wilson said photographs of a victim's injury or the crime scene can provide dramatic evidence.

"A victim may not want to go through with the prosecution, so it is important that we build a good case," he said. "The camera is to see all the effects. Pictures can document the scene and the events. Once it is on film, it's very hard for a defendant to explain it away."

The Madison County Sheriff's Department is scheduled to buy 50 more cameras next month, Lucido said.

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Sports



Sophomore outfielder Tim Wallace is one of several Warriors looking to return next season.



The GCHS girls soccer team celebrates after eliminating Chatham Glenwood 1-0 for a berth to the state tournament last week. The Lady Warriors finished the season 15-5-3 with a third-place finish at state.

Kickers' future in place after state tourney run

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

OK, so they really didn't win third place — but they didn't lose it, either.

The Granite City Lady Warriors came out just like that last weekend in Hoffman Estates at the Illinois state tournament. They fought off opposing players and fans — as well as some awful weather conditions — to make a real name for themselves at Conant Stadium.

After defeating Peoria Richwoods 1-0 on a goal by Farrah Johnson in the quarterfinals last Friday, GCHS fell to St. Charles 2-0 in the semifinals Saturday. The Lady Warriors went on to tie Libertyville 0-0 in the third place game.

St. Charles defeated Orland Park Sandburg 3-1 for the state title.

"We'd heard about them from the St. Charles people," said Libertyville coach Randy Anderson. "They said it was the toughest 2-0 game they'd had all year. It's because you look up and down their lineup and you realize that all these girls are going to be back next year."

"We said to ourselves that we'd better beat them this year. It's going to be double-difficult next year."

Libertyville couldn't beat the Lady Warriors this year, as the third-place game between the two teams was called a tie when conditions became too hot for last Saturday.

So both teams received third-place medals after the game. Each team will also receive a trophy, although the wording will have to be changed.

"We don't know what it's going to say,"



Felicia Mohsen makes her way past Amy Sanders of Chatham Glenwood.

Columbia said. "But it's going to be something different. We would have liked to have won (third place) outright. It's kind of disappointing at first, we didn't want to settle for a tie."

(See KICKERS, Page 4B)

Trivial matters

1. Dupo set several state baseball tournament records during its title run, including runs in one tourney (36). What former area player holds the Class A record for RBIs in the state title game?

2. The Lebanon softball team's 19-inning loss to Herscher covered 4 hours and 7 minutes and broke the state record for longest game in the state softball tournament. What is the shortest game in Class A state tourney history? Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

PSG volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the 13th annual Prairie State Games, to be held June 28-30 in Southwestern Illinois. Each year, approximately 1,000 volunteers play an important role in making the games happen. This year's games will be the largest ever, according to organizers.

PSG officials are looking for members of the medical field, athletic coaches and people with officiating experience to volunteer for the games, as well as for general volunteers to help out in a variety of other ways. For more information, call 632-1002.



Coming up

Saturday twinbill

Daren DePew (left) and the Granite City Clippers will play host to Fairview Heights in a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader Saturday at Dal Maxvill Field.

Trivia answers

1. Columbia's T.J. Mathews, who had four RBIs against Cobden in 1987.
2. Quincy Notre Dame defeated Rock Island Alleman 2-0 in 48 minutes in 1984.

Section B

June 6, 1996

GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

Lancers march past Marion 10-2

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

Dennis Schutzenhofer finally has his first Class AA sectional baseball championship at Belleville East High School. The third-year Lancers coach, after watching his 1994 and '95 teams get dumped from the regional finals by rival Belleville West, is the last surviving Metro East squad to reach the state quarterfinals Friday in Geneva.

East, like the Warriors' second time through the conference schedule, was not as successful; they did avenge an early-season loss to Belleville East. The Lancers have advanced to the Illinois state tournament this week.

"We beat East in their place, we beat Collinsville (Belleville) West, and Waterloo, who were all highly-ranked teams this year," Lignoul pointed out.

Granite City says goodbye to a very talented group of five seniors. Four of the five will

(See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

During the first part of the spring, the Warriors were the surprise team of the SWC. The high point of the year may have been when Granite City defeated Collinsville on April 18 to move into sole possession of first place.

Although the Warriors' second time through the conference schedule was not as successful, they did avenge an early-season loss to Belleville

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Granite City says goodbye to a very talented group of five seniors. Four of the five will

finish with 13 hits.

The Lancers (24-9) advanced to face the winner of Wednesday's game between St. Charles and Waubonsie Valley at 11 a.m. Friday.

As his players hoisted the sectional trophy at Kaskaskia, Schutzenhofer talked about his legendary predecessor, former Lancers coach Larry Patton. Patton's East teams won six sectional titles from 1975 and 1987. Schutzenhofer can now say with conviction he has upheld that tradition.

"It is great," Schutzenhofer said. "We had a kind of mediocre my first year with a 15-12 record and we (See LANCERS, Page 4B)

NASCAR vets make return to Tri-City

Former Tri-City Speedway主人 Mike Wallace and Ken Schrader returned Wednesday night to the Granite City half-mile.

Both drivers have reached America's premier racing series, the Winston Cup, but both began their careers by racing on small tracks in the St. Louis area. Both are from St. Louis.

Wallace and Schrader were in town Wednesday to race in the South Annual trophy/C-Delco Challenge, a part of the NASCAR Busch Tour for dirt late models. The two were joined by over 40 entries in what has been one of the biggest evenings of the year for Tri-City Speedway.

Also appearing was St. Louis favorite Kevin Gundaker, as well as Steve and Joe Kosiski, who scored back-to-back wins at the event in 1993-94.

Wallace has never competed with the Busch Tour here this year, but should prove to be a contender, having won the Tri-City Speedway track championship in 1987.

Schrader, a veteran of the race, having won the 50-lap event in 1990 and '91.

Both drivers were at a media fan reception at the Speedway on Tuesday, along with Gundaker.

Schrader, who has not won a Winston Cup race since 1993, has cut back on his dirt-track racing, but has now put together a whole new racing team to turn his fortunes around.

But he still found time to race in Tri-City.

"I've cut down from about 100 small-track races a year to (See TRI-CITY, Page 4B)

Stats 'n' stuff

IHSA postseason

SOFTBALL CLASS AA

O'Fallon Regional
Thursday, May 23
Game 1: Cahokia 3, Mascoutah 0
Game 2: O'Fallon 22, East St. Louis 0
Game 3: Belleville West 4, Waterloo 0
Saturday, May 25
at O'Fallon
Game 4: Cahokia 5, Belleville East 2
Game 5: O'Fallon 9, Belleville West 2
Tuesday, May 28
Championship: Cahokia 4, O'Fallon 2

Wood River Regional
Thursday, May 23
Game 1: Wood River 3, Triad 5
Game 2: Alton 4, Highland 2
Game 3: Granite City 3, Edwardsville 1 (8 inn.)
Game 4: Civic Memorial 9, Collinsville 1

Saturday, May 25
at Wood River
Game 5: Alton 10, Wood River 0
Game 6: Civic Memorial 7, Granite City 6

Tuesday, May 28
Championship: Civic Memorial 6, Alton 5

Civic Memorial Sectional
Saturday, June 1
Game 1: Chatham 7, Glenwood 7
Civic Memorial 0
Game 2: Cahokia 5, Glenwood 0
Monday, June 3
Championship: Chatham 7, Glenwood 3, Cahokia 0

State tournament
Thursday, June 6
at Mineral Springs Park
Pekin

Game 1: Lockport Sectional winner vs. Moline, 11:30 a.m.
Game 2: Chatham North vs. Chicago Washington, 1 p.m.
Game 3: Morton vs. Maria, 6 p.m.
Game 4: Mundelein vs. Chatham Glenwood, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 7
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Game 1 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11:30 a.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS A

Alton Marquette Regional
Wednesday, May 15
Game 1: Metro East Lutheran 10, Roxana 9
Game 2: Carlyle 6, Breese Central 1

Thursday, May 16
Game 3: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 4: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Friday, May 17
Game 5: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 6: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Saturday, May 18
Game 7: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 8: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 9: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 10: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 11: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 12: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 13: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 14: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 15: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 16: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 17: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 18: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 19: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 20: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 21: Lebanon 6, Metc East

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Game 23: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 24: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 25: Lebanon 6, Metc East

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Game 27: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 28: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 29: Lebanon 6, Metc East

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Game 47: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 48: Lebanon 6, Breese Central

Game 49: Lebanon 6, Metc East

Game 50: Lebanon 6, Breese Central



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Christina Greathouse takes a swing.

sets 2
Game 5: Wescin 12, Carlyle 2
Game 6: Piasa Southwestern 2, Alton Marquette 1

Saturday, May 18
at Alton Marquette

Game 7: Lebanon 3, Breese Mater Dei 0

Game 8: Wescin 5, Piasa Southwestern 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

sets 3
Game 5: Wescin 12, Carlyle 2
Game 6: Piasa Southwestern 2, Alton Marquette 1

Saturday, May 18
at Alton Marquette

Game 7: Lebanon 3, Breese Mater Dei 0

Game 8: Wescin 5, Piasa Southwestern 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Saturday, May 18
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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
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Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Saturday, May 18
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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Saturday, May 18
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Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

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Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

sets 24
Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

sets 26
Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

sets 27
Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

sets 28
Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship: Lebanon 5, Wescin 0

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Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

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Tuesday, May 21
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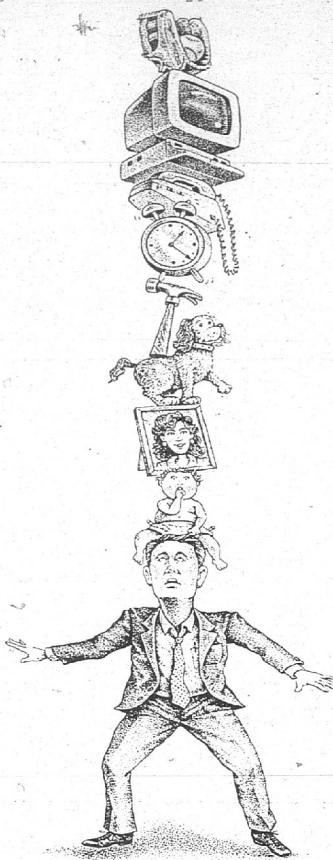
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Game 5: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0
Game 6: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Saturday, May 18
at Wescin

Game 7: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Game 8: Lebanon 1, Wescin 0

Tuesday, May 21
Championship



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Mike Taylor (left) of Granite City won the Illinois state amateur kickboxing title in the welterweight division April 20 with a 5th-round decision in Belleville. Taylor also won the Missouri welterweight title with a 3rd-round knockout in Sullivan, Mo., on April 22. Taylor trains at Mitchell's Tae Kwon Do in Granite City. Pictured with him is instructor Ed Mitchell.

Pro instructors to appear at Clubs For Kids Clinic

Each child attending the Coca-Cola Gateway PGA Clubs for Kids Clinic will receive something all golfers could use: instruction from a professional.

About 20 to 30 Gateway PGA golf professionals will be at the clinic June 25 at Buder Park, offering 10 to 15 minute lessons for each child attending.

The clinic will also feature Divot the Clown and Brett Hull, who is the featured attraction at the Clubs For Kids Clinic.

Hull, the acclaimed forward on the St. Louis Blues and an accomplished golfer, will address the kids at the clinic, talking about golf and sportsmanship, and will answer questions from the participants.

The free Clubs for Kids event is one of the more anticipated events of the year for young golfers. Each child aged 6-14 who attends will receive a free golf club, a free lesson from a PGA golf professional and other items.

The clinic is sponsored by Coca-Cola, the Gateway PGA, the Suburban Journals and the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Department.

Buder Park is near the intersection of Missouri Highway 141 and Interstate 44. Registration at the clinic begins at 9 a.m. Hull will start the clinic at 10 a.m., and individual instruction will be at 11 a.m. The Clubs for Kids Clinic is free, but pre-registration is needed.

Youngsters can register by sending in the entry form in today's Journal. For more information, call the Gateway PGA at (314) 991-4096.

Yes!

I would like to register for the Coca-Cola Gateway PGA Clubs for Kids Clinic on June 25 at Buder Park.

Mail to:

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✓ Journal Writers' Poll Baseball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Parkway West (25-4).....	69
2. Edwardsville (31-1).....	61
3. Collinsville (27-4).....	58
4. Ft. Zumwalt South (20-6).....	46
5. McCluer (19-7).....	43
6. SLUH (15-5).....	30
7. Alton (16-9).....	22
8. Belleville East (22-9).....	18
9. Vianney (15-8).....	14
10. Francis Howell (17-11).....	7

Also receiving votes: Pattonville, Eureka, Rockwood Summit, Hillsboro and Naval Jr. ROTC.

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Dupo (22-12).....	69
2. Winfield (16-4).....	61
3. St. Charles (13-11).....	59
4. Verulamane (16-3).....	46
5. Lutheran South (15-5).....	43
6. Crystal (16-4).....	32
7. MICDS (16-6).....	25
8. Valley Park (17-3).....	20
9. Rosary (13-5).....	12
10. Principia (10-14).....	10

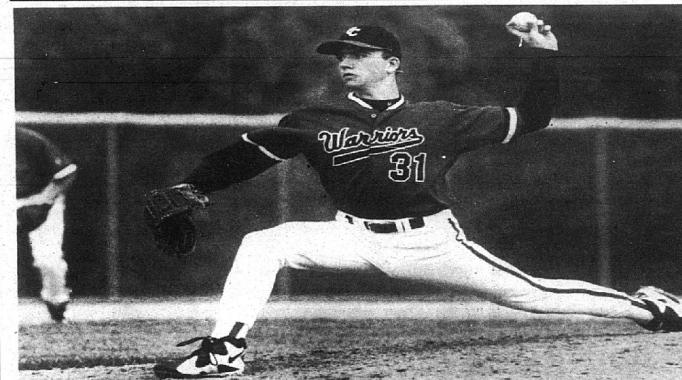
Also receiving votes: Lutheran North and Clayton.

✓ Journal Writers' Poll Girls Soccer

Week of June 5

1. Incarnate Word (26-3).....	70
2. Cor Jesu (24-3).....	60
3. St. Dominic (17-12).....	58
4. Francis Howell North (22-3).....	47
5. Incarnate Word (17-3).....	39
6. Granite City (15-5).....	34
7. Nerinx Hall (17-5).....	29
8. Hazelwood Central (18-3-3).....	16
9. Lafayette (17-4-1).....	12
10. Incarnate Word (17-3).....	9

Also receiving votes: McCluer North, Duesen, Ursuline.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Senior lefthander Justin Bettorf ended the year with a 1.46 ERA for the Warriors, who finished at 19-13 overall.

•Warriors

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play college baseball. Billy Niepert, Jeremy Hoback and Jimmie Johnson will all graduate, leaving a huge hole in the pitching department.

Brian Lloyd (.329) and Brad Ervay will also move on, leaving holes at third base and first.

But up the middle, the Warriors return a strong nucleus. Kyle Briggs and Eric Edwards will be the team's first and second, while catcher Jeff Hayden, the team's most improved player — and out-fielder Tim Wallace will both return as juniors next season.

"I think we'll be all right up

the middle, and that should be one of our strengths," Lignoul said. "We also will have Scott Smallie, who hit .420 on the sophomore team. He's an infielder, and should fit in there."

"But the main concern has to be pitching, although we have a good one coming back in (Mike) Ahlers and (Dustin) Brewer. A lot of our pitching strength was at the sophomore level this year, and we'll have to step up for us next year."

Possibly filling some of those spots could be Paul Kacera, John Kelly and Chris Fiala. Ahlers and Fiala would be the only senior pitchers return-

ing. Lignoul hopes that all of his players will play summer ball — many with American Legion teams — and work out over the offseason to get stronger and better conditioned.

"We'll lose a lot of experience," he said. "That group of seniors did a real good job for us."

"I said at the beginning of the year that it would probably be four teams battling for the conference: East and Collinsville, with us and West right behind. But along came Alton, and five of the six conference teams had good years."

SPORTS

•Kickers

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"But I think we played pretty well, and we'll get another shot next year, hopefully."

"Next year we'll have something for Granite City soccer fans to be thinking about."

This year's entire junior core of players can return, and an exciting group of freshmen will return next year.

Anderson was even more impressed with the Lady Warriors' defense this year.

"Freshmen and sophomores aren't supposed to be that disciplined," he said. "And I'm just talking about backs. Their forwards are disciplined players."

The Granite City defensive core became solid as the year went on, and allowed only two goals in the state tournament — both to eventual champion St. Charles.

After the third-place game, team members were still excited with gaining a second-place finish. It was the highest finish ever by a GCHS girls soccer team — or any team from southern Illinois. The Lady

Warriors finished the year 15-5-3.

"I like the rain when it's like that. I thought it was fun," said goalkeeper Shannon Smith, who had 10 saves of shutouts at Conant. "I think taking third is great, and I'm proud of the whole team."

"We can be even better next year."

"These kids did so much that they can be proud of," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "They came up and didn't just give up the easy goals. They're the best teams in the state. They've certainly painted a bright picture for themselves and the program."

I think we learned a lot this weekend, and that bodes well for us in the future."

"I think our freshmen are pretty good and they'll be even better next year," Robinson said. "The state tournament was a great learning experience, and I know because I was there when I was a freshman."

"I think we had a pretty good season, and we played pretty well, especially at the end."

•Lancers

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were pretty good last year at 18-8. We knew this was going to be a good group."

Crucial-time experience played a factor. Three players who saw action in the sectional finals — starting left fielder Larry Schell and pitchers Mark Klasm and Nate Frisbee — also played for the East basketball team that reached the state tourney in March. East finished 12-10 before returning to basketball and baseball in the same year.

"We weren't the (sectional) favorite, but it doesn't surprise me," Schellzenhofer said. "When you have two big pitchers like (Nathan) Hodel and (Jim) Pecoraro, you're going to win a lot of games. We've got good pitching and defense, but our timely hitting is much better now."

Hodel improved his record to 7-3 after winning both games in the sectionals. He was in relief of Pecoraro (3-1) for the decisive eighth inning against Collinsville and pitched the first five innings as the title game started. The overpitcher and right-hander did not have his best control — walking four batters and often getting behind in the count — but he clearly was in position to impress and taking numerous pitches hoping for walks.

Marion (27-8) got only two hits the entire game, a first-in running double by Chris Foster and a solo home run by Shaun Haley in the fifth. Hodel struck out eight batters, five of whom were called out looking. He fanned three batters in the ninth and effectively mixed his bending curve with his cannon fastball for key outs.

•Tri-City

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"I'm happy with the way things are going so far, but I still feel like I need a win," he said. "We're racing well, and that's what counts. I'm sure I know I'll feel a lot better when it does."

More than \$20,000 in posted prizes were available to the contestants, with \$3,000 going to the winner. Tri-City's regular Saturday schedule continues this week with the Pepsi Racing Series.

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Amber Hubert (right) and Connie Meyers battle Chatham Glenwood's Shannon Maddox for possession.

Sports shorts

Pontoon Khoury dance
The Pontoon Beach Khoury League will hold its "Dance of Bay Ball" Dance on June 8 at the Amvels Post #208 on Kenilworth Drive.

Ticket prices are \$25 for couples or \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at the door, and the price includes dinner, beverages and music with a DJ.

For more information, call Tracy at 931-1291 or Ida at 797-7477.

Homeless golf tourney

The St. Peter and Paul Homeless Shelter will hold a golf scramble June 8 at the Mel Price Center River's Edge Golf Course, 2500 Carlyle Road.

The cost is \$75 per golfer and includes lunch, dinner and prizes. Proceeds from the tourney will go to fund homeless programs.

For more information or to register, call (314) 621-5520 or

BAC soccer camps

Granite City-area soccer players looking for a camp this summer will find some local flavor at Belleville Area College.

All area youngsters wanting to add a little kick to their summer can sign up now for the BAC Soccer Camps, which will be held in June at BAC's Belleville and Granite City campuses.

BAC men's soccer coach Larry Petri will head the camp. Petri, a Granite City resident, will be joined by Edwardsburg High soccer coach Mark

Schwarzkopf — another Granite City resident and former GCHS soccer star John Van Buskirk, who now plays professional soccer in Germany.

The camp at the Granite City campus, 2500 Carlyle Road, will include two sessions: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 18 and 20. The camp at the Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Road, will include three sessions: 9-11 a.m. June 24, 26 and 28.

The cost for each camp is \$35, which includes a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and mailed to the college's Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Road, Belleville, Ill., 62221.

Refunds will only be given for cancellations if a physician's letter is provided.

The camps will feature a technical session for strikers, a tactical session for midfield and back players and a session on specialized goal receiving.

Jubilee softball tourney

The Granite City Park District will hold its 75th Annual Diamond Jubilee Softball Tournament on June 28-30 at Wilson Park. The tourney will be ASA Open Division, and limited to 16 teams.

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new 300-foot fence. For more information, call tournament coordinator Babe Champion (451-1212) or Ray Hoffman (877-3059).

Shoendienst Golf Tourney

Fontbonne College will hold the Red Shoendienst-Fontbonne College All-Star Golf Tournament on Monday, July 8 at the Glen Echo Country Club.

Former GCHS coach Hall-of-Famer Red Shoendienst will

be the master of ceremonies, and will be joined by local personalities and current Cardinals. The tourney will be a scramble tourney with registration at 10 a.m. July 8, and then a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch and dinner will also be served for participants, and prizes, contests and awards will be handed out after the dinner. The cost for the tournament is \$350 per player, and \$350 per foursome. The cost includes greens fees, cart, driving range, lunch, cocktails, dinner prizes and a gift pack.

For more information, call (314) 889-1412.

Boys basketball league

A youth boys basketball league will be held at Vashon High School in St. Louis. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings.

Registration is being taken at the Vashon Police office until 12 positions are filled. The drawing for team positions will be 4 p.m. Monday, June 24 at the park office. All games will be played at Georgeless Field (Diamond 8) in Wilson Park, which features a brand-

•Markel

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tournament.

"I could have beaten him," he said. "That's the only thing I blame myself for, is that

match was not lost at that point, although working back through the consolation bracket can be difficult. Still, Markel went on to have one of his best days of tennis ever."

He won four straight matches on a day which featured an off day for rain. His set was held outside, then moved an hour away to Aurora, then back indoors.

It was during his fifth match that Markel was misled by tournament officials.

Markel was not allowed adequate time to rest, and forced to play outside in rotten conditions.

"I had just played a tough match and beaten (Althoff's Matt) Howenstein, and it was my fourth match of the day," Markel said. "The officials were told I had to play immediately, even though other matches were moving inside."

"I was playing my 12th and 13th sets of the day. The other kid was only playing his second match of the day. I pretty much died out there."

Markel and GCHS coach Allen Lobel petitioned the IHSA to change the rules about the unfair treatment Markel received. Officials apologized, but said they could do nothing about it.

"The kid was already taking place," Markel said. "A formal apology would be something, but he's not expecting anything."

On top of everything else that day, Markel learned that the coach at St. Francis College had resigned.

Markel was about to sign his letter of intent to play college tennis at St. Francis.

"I have the letter of intent right here," he said. "I don't think I'm going to sign it."

That puts Markel in a bind in the recruiting period.

Not all is lost. Several schools, including colleges in Florida, Oregon and California, are showing interest.

Markel also has a promise from DePaul University in Chicago that he could fit in on that team. But the DePaul coach has no money left for recruits.

"He said he could get me some money next year, but I'd have to walk on this year," Markel said. "I might just do that. Whatever I do, I'll make a decision in about three weeks."

"Joe is the best tennis player I've ever coached, and that's saying something," Lobel said. "I think he's going to be a great college player."

And there's nothing the IHSA can do about it.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Horoscope

Thursday, June 6
Mercury transits into Gemini today, marking a phase of verbal play and general mischief. Things get done around the office through teamwork. Political moves have more to do with who you like and are like than who gets the most done or the hardest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Put an end to self-denial. Something that used to frustrate you now is a source of humor. Congratulate yourself for your emotional maturity. You find the courage to do a difficult question of your mate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 18). Get mental tasks out of the way. Time for fun-seeking friends. Out-joe your extra down. Treats come from a neighbor who wants to be included in your support network. A friend introduces you to new people.

GEMINI (May 19-June 21). Your work in developing better ways to run your finances greater than business. An interest is now uninvolved and ready to take a chance with you. Someone who owes you money offers an equitable barter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A career obstacle is eliminated. It turns out that a past incident you took the blame for was not your fault. The temptation to engage in nasty gossip should be heartily resisted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). An outdoor activity frees the spirit. Hearts are completely healed and ready to fall in love again. Make it your



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